

The Declaration and Apology of the Protestant People, that is, Of the Noblemen, Barons, Gentlemen, Burgeses and Commons of all sorts now in Arms within the Kingdom of Scotland, with the Concurrence of the true and Faithful Pastors, and of several Gentlemen of the English Nation joyned with them in the same Cause, &c.

BY which they impudently and irreligiously set forth the great advantages of the Protestant Religion both at home and abroad, had by the Success of the horrid Rebellion against King Charles the First, which success they now impiously ascribe to the blessing of God upon the goodnesse of their Cause. They cry up the Loyalty of the Scottish Covenanters, who after they had delivered up the Father to be barbarously and inhumanly Murdered, by their Brethren in England, had yet admitted of the Son to Reign upon certain Terms and Conditions (absolutely inconsistent with Monarchy) by which they pretend to prove that all that was done by his late Majesty since his happy Restauration, was Tyrannical, Arbitrary, and Tyrannical; And that all the Oaths imposed by Law since the rescinding of the Solemn League and Covenant have been Perjury, and the Government it self a continued Apostacy. And they accuse the Parliaments of both Kingdoms for rescinding the pernicious Laws made during the Rebellion, and those of Scotland in particular, for making of Laws by which Protestant Blood (as they pretend) is shed, whereof they give for instance the late Marquis of Argyle Condemned in Parliament; and also for turning out the Nonconformist Ministers; They accuse the Government of putting men to death contrary to Law: and desolating the Churches, changing the Ordinances of God to the inventions of men; conniving at Papists; keeping up of standing Forces, which they call the Bane of Civil Government; They declare against the Kings Supremacy; And all the Wars against the States General of the United Provinces. The Execution of those Miscreants, who made it their Profession and Practice to Murder loyal Subjects upon the pretence of Religion: and the Torment of Spence and Carstairs, by whom was made so great a discovery of the late horrid Conspiracy; As also the Forfeiture of the late Earl of Argyle. They likewise declare against the Enquiries that were made into the Rebellion at Borthwel Bridge by the late Circuit Courts, all which (so necessary

ry for the peace and quiet of these Kingdoms) they call *Tyranny and Popery twisted together*. They declare against his present Majesty, (whom they call *James Duke of York*) his Ascention to the Throne, as being *Excluded from it by the Commons of England*. They declare likewise against the present *House of Commons as Packed and Catalled and returned by Fraud and Injustice*. For all which pretended reasons they declare that they totally throw off all *Bonds of Subjection*, and do take up Arms against his present Majesty (whom they still call *James Duke of York*) and all his Accomplices, stiling them their most unnatural and wicked Enemies; for these pretended ends. First, *The Restoring and Setting what they call the Protestant Religion*. Secondly, *The Suppression and perpetual Exclusion of Popery, and its bitter Root and Spring, Prelacy*. Thirdly, *The Restoring of all who have been Sufferers upon the account of adherence to their Party, for the pulling down of this present Government, and setting up another suitable to their designs*; And they declare that they never will enter into any *Capitulation, Treaty, or Conditions with the King*, but on the contrary, prosecute the War with all reality, constancy and vigor, until they shall attain their ends; and that they will assist and maintain one another, especially their Brethren in England and Ireland who shall pursue the same end. And lastly, they promise *Indemnity to those who have been formerly their Enemies, upon their sincere repentance joining with them, and vigorously assisting them against a Persecuting Tyrant and an Apostate Party*; for so they call His Majesty and His Loyal Subjects; ending their Declaration with great Promises of Assistance from God to their Party, and of Confusion to their Enemies. This being the substance of their long and Canting Declaration, the other Letter is here set down at length:

The Declaration of Archibald Earl of Argile, Lord Kintyre, Cowall, Campbel and Lorn, Heretable Sheriff and Lieutenant of the Shires of Argile and Tarbet, and Heretable Justice-General of the said Shires, and of the West Isles, and others.

With his Order to his Vassals and others in the said Shires, and under his Jurisdiction, to Concur for Defence of their Religion, Lives and Liberties.

I Shall not mention my Case published in Print in Latine and in Dutch, and more largely in English, nor mean I to repeat the Printed Declaration emitted by several Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others of both Nations now in Arms; but because the Sufferings of me and my Family are therein mentioned, I have thought it fit for me to Declare for my self; That as I go to Arms with those who have appointed me to Conduct them, for no private, nor personal end;

end; and only for those contained in the said Declaration, which I have concerted with them, and approve of, so I do claim no interest, but what I had before the pretended Forefeiture of my Family, and have sufficient right to.

And that I do freely, (and as a Christian) forgive all personal Injuries against my Person or Family, to all that shall not oppose, but Joyn and Concur with us in our present Undertaking, for the ends mentioned in the said Declaration. And hereby I oblige me never to pursue them in Judgement, nor out of Judgement; And I do further declare, That obtaining the peaceable and quiet Possession of what belonged to my Father and my self, before our pretended Forefeitures, I shall satisfy all Debts due by my Father and my self, as any Heir or Debtor can be obliged.

And as my Faithfulness to his late Majesty and his Government, hath sufficiently appeared to all unbiassed Persons void of malice, so I do with grief acknowledge my former too much complying with, and conniving at the Methods that have been taken to bring us to the sad condition we are now in, though God knows never concurring in the design.

I have now with Gods strength suffered patiently my unjust Sentence and Banishment three years and a half, and have never offered to make any Uproar, or Defence by Arms, to disturb the Peace upon my private Concern; But the King being now dead, and the Duke of York having taken off his Mask, and having abandoned and invaded our Religion and Liberties, resolving to enter into the Government, and Exercise it contrary to Law, I think it not only just, but my Duty to God and my Countrey, to use my outmost endeavours to oppose and repress his Usurpations and Tyranny.

And therefore being assisted and furnished very nobly by several good Protestants, and invited and accompanied by several of both Nations, to lead them, I resolve, as God shall enable me, to use their assistance of all kinds, towards the ends expressed in the said Declaration.

And I do hereby earnestly invite and obtest all honest Protestants, and particularly all my Friends and Blood-relations, to concur with us in the said Declaration; And as I have written several Letters, so having no other way fully to intimate my mind otherwise, I do hereby require all my Vassals any where, and all within my several Jurisdictions, with their Fencible Men within their Command, to go to Arms, and to joyn and concur with us according to the said Declaration, as they will be answerable at their peril: And that they obey the particular Orders they shall receive from me from time to time.

and a joyful spirit come into the Old Testament, which
I have compared with that of the New Testament, and
tell, but what I had before the present I had never
told, and have said nothing.

And that do I say, I am a Christian, for I am
injure against my Person or Family, to all that shall not appear
but Joy and Grace with us in our present condition, for the
and mentioned in the last Declaration. And hereby I desire
never to put in a claim in Judgment, nor out of Judgment; And I
do further declare, That obtaining the peaceable and quiet Posses-
sion of what belonged to my Father and my Mother, before our pre-
sented Forfeiture, I shall think all I have due by my Father and
myself, as any Heir or Executor can be obliged.

And as my Trustees to his late Majesty and his Government
have sufficiently appeared, as all qualified Persons would of notice, to
do with good and honest will, my former too much complacency with
and conniving at the Methods that have been taken to bring us
to the said condition we are now in, though I do know never concur-

ring in the design.
I have now, and God Almighty shall graciously give us his Sen-
tence and Blessing, that I shall and have, as I shall
to make my Honor, or Office by Arms, to all the Peace
upon my private Concerns, that I shall now stand, and the
I take of you having taken of his Majesty, and having abandoned
and invaded our Religion and Liberty, I desire to enter into
the Government, and to exercise it as I shall think it not on-
ly just, but my Duty to God and my Country, to do my utmost
endeavors to oppose and resist it, as I shall think it my Duty.

And therefore I shall and have, as I shall
good intentions, and have, as I shall
I desire to have them, I desire to have them, as I shall
their assistance of all kind, towards the said design, in the said
Manner.

And I do hereby earnestly desire and shall all honest Protestants
and particularly all my Friends and Neighbors, to concur
with us in the said Declaration. And as I have written I shall
try, to having no other way left to intimate my mind, other
wise, I do hereby require all my Trustees, and all with-
in my special jurisdiction, with their respective Officers, that their
Command, to go to Arms, and to join and concur with us, as
due to the said Declaration, as they will be answerable at their
peril: And that they obey the particular Orders they shall receive
from the said time to time.

Witness my hand and seal, this 10th of June 1688.
The most Gracious Majesty, James D.O.M. 1688.